

APPROVED JANUARY 11, 2006



**PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
CITY HALL KIVA
3939 NORTH DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
DECEMBER 14, 2005**

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

PRESENT: David Gulino, Chairman (arrived at 4:25pm)
Steve Steinberg, Vice-Chairman
David Barnett, Commissioner
James Heitel, Commissioner (arrived at 4:18pm)
Eric Hess, Commissioner
Jeffrey Schwartz, Commissioner

ABSENT: Steven Steinke, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Donna Bronski
Lusia Galav
Sherry Scott

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The study session of the Scottsdale Planning Commission was called to order by Vice-Chairman Steinberg at 4:14 pm.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - LUSIA GALAV**

Ms. Galav distributed a packet containing general information received at a Boards and Commissions conference recently attended by Ms. Galav.

Ms. Galav addressed Commissioner Barnett's previous question regarding the aesthetics related to the fencing of vacant lots and properties under construction. Per a conversation with Mr. Clack from the Planning and Building Department, she reported that the only current requirement is that the site must be a secure site and suggested that there are a variety of ways to approach these situations with the use of more pleasing types of security. She suggested that Mr. Clack could provide the Commission with a list of ideas and further suggested that the Development Review Board may wish to be involved as well.

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In response to further inquiries by Commissioner Barnett and Commissioner Hess regarding the use of fencing as a City requirement, what the City's liability is, and the procedure for removing the requirement, Ms. Galav offered to provide additional information regarding fencing policy/requirements at the next study session.

Vice-Chairman Steinberg expressed concern about temporary signage being attached to fences and regulations pertaining to that situation.

Commissioner Schwartz expressed concern about owners fencing-in abandoned property and the possibilities for requiring structures to be removed.

Commissioner Barnett reviewed the questions posed and reiterated that chain-link fences are unacceptable.

3. **DISCUSSION ON AMENDING POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Ms. Galav asked for questions or changes to be considered with regard to amending the powers and duties of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Heitel expressed a desire that the Planning Commission have the sole responsibility of reviewing subdivision plats and other plats in place of the Development Review Board. Commissioner Hess concurred, noting that lot splits and similar items should come before the Planning Commission as opposed to the DRB.

Commissioner Schwartz inquired about the process for amending powers and duties.

Ms. Bronski explained that City Council is requiring all boards to review their powers in order to verify that all codes and processes are up to date. Council Members are also interested in suggestions the Commission may have concerning what could be expanded or modified with the possibility of ordinance changes being adopted through the City Council.

Commissioner Schwartz suggested that the Planning Commission have a study session to compile a collective, unified request for City Council.

In response to an inquiry by Chairman Gulino, Ms. Galav reported that there is a six month time frame for responding to City Council.

Chairman Gulino noted that a study session on the subject of amending powers and duties will occur on January 11, during which staff will be provided the direction necessary to draft a comprehensive memo for City Council.

Ms. Galav reviewed the process, confirming that the Commission will address the matter at study session, provide direction for staff, staff will draft a memo, and the Commission will then vote on the matter.

4. **REVIEW OF DECEMBER 14, 2005 AGENDA**

CONTINUANCES

Ms. Galav noted that the following cases are postponed to January 11th:

2. 39-ZN-1992#4 (Mayo Clinic)
3. 19-ZN-1986#2 (Sierra Highlands)

REGULAR AGENDA

4. 48-UP-1986#2 (Mescal Park Equestrian Arena Lighting)

No comments or questions presented.

4. **REVIEW OF JANUARY 11, 2006 TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Ms. Galav reviewed the tentative agenda for the January 11, 2006 meeting.

Chairman Gulino noted a conflict with case #15-AB-2004, property abandonment.

Commissioner Schwartz requested that an action item be added to the regular agenda to discuss the transportation plan for light rail up to McDowell Road along Scottsdale Road.

Ms Galav agreed to add the requested item to the agenda.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the study session adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc.